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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1700**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application

Inventor(s): DeOrnellas, et al.

SC/Serial No.: 09/692,007

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Title: METHOD FOR USING A  
HARD MASK FOR CRITICAL  
DIMENSION GROWTH  
CONTAINMENT

PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 1765

Examiner: L. Umez-Eronini

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136**

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Sir:

In the Office Action dated January 23, 2003, a shortened period for response was set to expire on April 23, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner for an extension of time for responding to the Office Action up to and including June 23, 2003.

  X   Applicant(s) hereby claim small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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The amount of the petition fee set by 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is determined as follows:

Fee (Large Entity/Small Entity)	Extended Month
_____ \$ 110.00/\$ 55.00	First
<u>X</u> _____ \$ 410.00/\$205.00	Second
_____ \$ 930.00/\$465.00	Third
_____ \$1,450.00/\$725.00	Fourth
_____ \$1,970.00/\$985.00	Fifth

TOTAL PETITION FEE **\$205.00**

The TOTAL PETITION FEE is included with the payment of other papers filed together with this petition.

The other papers enclosed or associated with this communication include:

- \_\_\_\_\_ A reply to the Office Action was previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- X \_\_\_\_\_ A reply to the Office Action is filed herewith.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A reply will be filed subsequently.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A continuation application is filed herewith.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A divisional application is filed herewith.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A continuation-in-part application is filed herewith.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A continued prosecution application is filed herewith.
- X \_\_\_\_\_ A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith.
- \_\_\_\_\_ "Small Entity" status for this application has previously been established.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

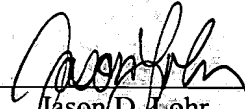
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit overpayment to  
Deposit Account No. 06-1325. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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